



Governor Brian Schweitzer

Montana

Department of Labor and Industry

Workforce Services Division

October 2, 2006

Administrator-Office of Workforce Investment
Attn: Gene Tickenor
Room S-4231
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington DC 20210

RE: Reemployment Services Grant
Narrative Report

Dear Mr. Tickenor:

Please find attached a copy of Montana's Reemployment Services Performance Report for 2005-2006, as requested.

A hard copy is being placed in today's postal mail.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (406) 444-3351.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah J. Buxbaum".

Deborah J. Buxbaum, Program Manager
Reemployment Services Grant

Enclosure

Sent via facsimile 10/2/06

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REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: MONTANA

DATE: 10/02/2006

STATE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REPORT:

Describe activities and an overview of how the activities were accomplished. Include milestones, and positive outcomes achieved. Compare accomplishment of planned performance goals with the attainment of the performance indicators identified by the State in the annual plan.

In the previous program year, Montana forfeited its reemployment dollars to be turned into WIA PRA dollars. When we resumed reemployment services, under the 05-06 Reemployment grant, we continued to utilize our previously programmed weekly listing produced by the Unemployment Insurance Division, which shows all the claimants who have filed for unemployment insurance benefits in the previous week, who are neither job nor union attached. This list is used to contact all claimants to assure they register with their local Job Service Workforce Center, either in person, or electronically. Contact is also made to advise of the services available and to set up appointments for individualized assistance. This is accomplished in a variety of ways, through telephone contact, e-mail, or written notification.

A summary of the MWorks system (our Labor Exchange system) shows that for the period July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006, a total of 9,323 unemployment insurance claimants were registered with the Job Service Workforce Centers, an increase of 233% over the last period we operated the program. These claimants received a total of 13,538 reportable services, a decrease of 2% over the last year we operated the program, and were referred to 70,404 jobs, an increase of 467% over last year's figures.

Individuals filing for unemployment benefits, or reopening their claim, are advised at the time of filing, verbally, as well as in written communications through the Benefits Rights and Responsibilities packet mailed to them, of the requirement to register with their local Job Service Workforce Center.

If they do not comply within the required ten day period, they are being provided with a warning letter, informing them they will be disqualified for benefits unless they register by a specified date. If they do not comply, they are disqualified for benefits until registration is completed.